

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the following paragraphs beginning on page 7, line 25 with the following paragraph:

The following examples are illustrative of the invention. Commercial sources for the food grade polymers used in all experiments are as follows:

Xanthan gums sold under trade names Keltrol T, Keltrol RD, Keltrol TF, Keltrol SF, Keltrol BT from Monsanto, Tadworth, Surrey, UK. Xanthan polymer from IFF, Haverhill, Suffolk, UK. Xanthan gum, guar and tragacanth from Thew Arnott & Co. Ltd, Wallington, Surrey, UK. Xanthan gum sold under trade name Satiaxane and xanthan/guar mixture sold under trade name Lygomme MM391 from SKW Biosystems, Newbury, Berkshire, UK. Xanthan/sodium carboxymethylcellulose (35/65%w/w) mixture sold under trade name Grinstead JU543 from ~~Danisco~~ Danisco Ingredients Ltd, Bury St Edmunds, UK. Acacia gum, propylene glycol alginate and sodium carboxymethylcellulose from Red Carnation gums Ltd, Laindon, Essex, UK. Blanose cellulose gum (9M31XF) from Hercules Ltd, Reigate, Surrey, UK. Alginate polymers sold under trade names Kelcoloid LVF, Kelcoloid HVF, Manucol DH and Manucol LF from Monsanto, Tadworth, Surrey, UK. Iota carrageenan sold under trade name Genuvisco type J and pectins sold under trade names GENU LM 102 AS, GENU LM 104 AS, GENU LM 101 AS, GENU LM 22 CG, GENU LM 12 CG and GENUVIS from Hercules Ltd, Reigate, Surrey, UK. Pectin sold under trade name Unipectin QC40 from SKW Biosystems, Newbury, Berkshire, UK. Polyvinylpyrrolidone sold under the trade name PVP K30 by ISP, NJ, USA.